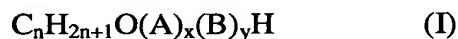


**We claim**

1. An alkoxylate mixture comprising

0.1 to 99.9% by weight of at least one alkoxylate of the formula (I)



where

A is ethyleneoxy,

B is C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkyleneoxy or mixtures thereof,

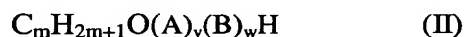
where groups A and B may be present randomly distributed, alternately or in the form of two or more blocks in any order,

n is an integer in the range from 8 to 11,

x is a number in the range from 1 to 20,

y is a number in the range from 0 to 10, and

0.1 to 99.9% by weight of at least one alkoxylate of the formula (II)



where

A is ethyleneoxy,

B is C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkyleneoxy or mixtures thereof,

where groups A and B may be present randomly distributed, alternately or in the form of two or more blocks in any order,

m is an integer in the range from 12 to 24,

v is a number in the range from 1 to 50,

w is a number in the range from 0 to 10.

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2. A mixture as claimed in claim 1, wherein, in the alkoxylate of the formula (I), n has the value 10.

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3. A mixture as claimed in claim 2, wherein, in the alkoxylate of the formula (I),  $C_{10}H_{21}$  has the meaning  $C_5H_{11}CH(C_3H_7)CH_2$ .

4. A mixture as claimed in claim 3, wherein, in the alkoxylate of the formula (I),

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70 to 99% by weight of alkoxylates A1, in which  $C_5H_{11}$  has the meaning n- $C_5H_{11}$ , and

1 to 30% by weight of alkoxylates A2, in which  $C_5H_{11}$  has the meaning  $C_2H_5CH(CH_3)CH_2$  and/or  $CH_3CH(CH_3)CH_2CH_2$ ,

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are present in the mixture.

5. A mixture as claimed in any of claims 1 to 4, wherein, in the alkoxylate of the formula (II), m is an integer in the range from 12 to 18.

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6. A mixture as claimed in any of claims 1 to 5, wherein, in the alkoxylate of the formula (I), x is a number in the range from 3 to 12 and y has the value 0, and in the general formula (II), v is a number in the range from 3 to 15 and w has the value 0.

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7. A process for the preparation of alkoxylate mixtures as claimed in any of claims 1 to 6, which comprises reacting alkanols of the formula  $C_nH_{2n+1}OH$  and  $C_mH_{2m+1}OH$  with the given meaning for n and m with  $C_{2-5}$ -alkylene oxides under alkoxylation conditions, and mixing them together before or after alkoxylation or after partial alkoxylation, wherein the alkoxylation maybe conducted in the presence of a double metal cyanide compound as catalyst.

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8. A detergent or cleaner comprising an alkoxylate mixture as claimed in any of claims 1 to 6.

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**Amended Sheets (Pages 36 and 37)**